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1. From November 1951 to May 1952, trenches were constructed from Ivaylovgrad (N4133 E2607) to the Arda River. The trenches, built in a zig-zag pattern, are 1.2 meters deep and one meter wide. Machine gun emplacements were constructed approximately 40 meters in front of the trenches. A large number of underground bunkers nine meters long, five meters wide, and four meters deep, were also built in the Ivaylovgrad area.
2. During May and June 1952, the UIN 31-45 Trudovak company, whose headquarters are in Ivaylovgrad, constructed trenches from Odrinzi (N4126 E2609) northwest toward Sviratschi. The trenches, located several hundred meters west of Byalopolyane (N4127 E2610) and about three kilometers from the Greek border, are approximately four kilometers long, 1.2 meters deep, and one meter wide. Machine gun emplacements have been constructed along the trenches. Six bunkers have been built in Sviratschi and two in the Odrinzi area.
3. Late in June 1952, the men of the UIN 31-45 Trudovak company were transferred to Malka Odina (sic) to work on the construction of trenches in that area.

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